

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-55, 68, and 69 are cancelled and claims 56, 57, 59, 61, 63, 64, 70, 71, 72, 73 and 75, are currently amended such that they are drawn solely toward the elected invention of Group III. Claim 62 (first instance) has been renumbered as claim 61. Support can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added

Applicants believe the present application to be in condition for allowance with currently pending claims 56-67 and 70-76, as indicated by the Examiner. (Office Action, pg 6-7.)

Restriction Requirement

Applicants acknowledge the finality of the Restriction Requirement, and have cancelled the non-elected subject matter to put the application in condition for allowance.

Oath/Declaration

The Examiner indicated that the Declaration is defective. (Office Action, pg. 6) In order to correct the typographical error, where in the Japanese priority application is identified as 211264/1999 instead of 211164/1999, a Supplemental Application Data Sheet is being filed currently with this Amendment. Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.76(d), the correction of the typographical error in the number of the priority application in the Supplemental Application Data supercedes any inconsistencies with the originally filed Declaration. Accordingly, a new Declaration is not required.

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Specification

In response to the Examiner's objection (Office Action, pg. 6.), the title of the invention has been amended.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance with pending claims 56-67 and 70-76, and request the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Should any additional matters need to be addressed, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at (202) 408-4092.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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